

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the paragraphs at page 14, lines 19-22, with the following:

- Figure 4 2: sVpr<sup>1-96</sup> - direct separation in SDS-PAGE (A);  
immune precipitation prior to SDS-PAGE (B).  
Figure 2 7: sVpr<sup>1-96</sup> - preparative purification of the raw - HPLC-chromatogram.  
Figure 3 7: sVpr<sup>1-96</sup> - mass spectrum (% int. and molecular weight).